

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 10-13, 15, 16, 17-20, 21 and 23 and objected to Claims 3, 4, 7, 8 and 22. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 14 were rejected under Section 102 under White. Applicant introduces no new Claims by this Amendment. The amendment to Claim 1 draws from previously allowed subject matter.

Counsel would like to initially thank the Examiner for the Examiner's time and consideration in the telephone conversation of November 16, 2004. This Response is being filed per that discussion.

While Applicant wholeheartedly disagrees with the Examiner's initial assessment and interpretation of the White reference, Applicant amends Claim 1 to bring it in-line with the previously presented allowable subject matter. Specifically, the allowable subject matter of Claim 8 (the use of "explosive ordnances"), now cancelled, and the allowable subject matter of Claim 10 (the use of "explosive ordnances" and "non-explosive ammunition") is incorporated into Claim 1 and presented in the alternative in that claim. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 1 has been narrowed to previously allowed subject matter. No new matter is being introduced. Moreover, by introducing the elements of the allowed claims, no new search is necessary.

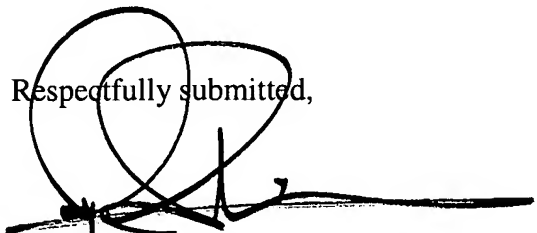
Claim 14 has been amended to depend from allowed Claim 10, as opposed to Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner and Commissioner are hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this Response or refund any overpayments associated with this Response to our deposit account, Deposit Account No. 23-0280.

In view of the above, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance; an action to this end is earnestly requested. If it would expedite the progress of this Application through the examination process, the Examiner is authorized to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

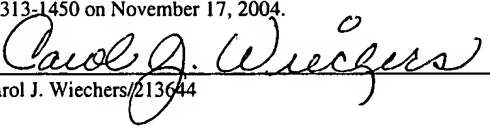


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